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For

CERAMIC MATERIAL, METHOD OF PRODUCING SAME,

AND FORMED PRODUCT THEREOF

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of Rules 1.97(b)(1) and 1.98, enclosed herewith is Form PTO-1449 and the references cited thereon. These references constitute the art known to the Applicant(s) and are believed to be distinguishable from the claimed invention. Accordingly, further comment at this point in time should not be necessary.

Further consideration is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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